

# The Pope, the Catholic Church, and Pedophilia



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## **Exposing Pope Francis and the Roman Church**

Not only does the Roman system conceal its own wickedness, it exalts the glory that the world gives to Pope Francis, truly amazing as the world wonders after him. That man of sin who claims to be the Holy Father and Head of the Lord's Church mocks our Lord and our Heavenly Father. The exposing of current documented facts about the Roman Church and its Pope including their practice of pedophilia, and child abuse need to be exposed.- Richard Bennett

Welcome to the program. It's a difficult topic and it's really necessary that you listen so that we can implement what we document in this video.

The Roman church has paraded all its glory before the world as Pope Francis came to the United States of America in September 2015. We have to see just what was presented to the world to make it look as if the Roman church is a genuine church.

If the Roman church is accepted as a genuine Christian church, it has dire consequences for individual believers and for nations. This is seen in history, and we could give many examples, but I give just a few in my own Ireland in 1172.

The pastors of the Christian church all over Ireland, and the people of the Catholic church accepted the Roman Catholic church as a genuine form of Christianity. And that meant the end of the true Christian faith in Ireland in 1172.

Now it was done with murderous intent by Pope Alexander III and King Henry II of England. **With military might the people were forced to submit to the church of Rome**, and they did so. How different it would have been if they had been willing to sacrifice their lives for the sake of the Gospel of grace. How different it could have been. But they submitted to accept the Roman

church as if it were the true church and if it were genuinely Christian. And that meant for the most part the end of true Christian faith in Ireland.

To this day, there is a lot of good Christian work going on in Ireland, and there has been even in the north for many many years. And in the south there are a lot of Christian works now. But for the most part, it is ruled by Rome. And it is horrendous to see all the artifacts of Rome with statues of Mary and the saints, and all in the different cities and towns as you travel across that nation. That was in Ireland in 1172.

In somewhat a similar way in Poland in the 1560s. Beginning in the 1560s, the Jesuits entered Poland. Poland had become reformed with true biblical faith from the time of the Reformation. It was very very widely accepted biblical faith and true Christian life. And the Jesuits came in the 1560s. They started to found colleges, and they started to influence the different rulers and princes in Poland, and got into educational facilities, and they started to form colleges right across Poland. And so in a matter of years, the Roman Church was accepted as the true church. And for the most part, the Christian faith that had come from the Reformation was lost in Poland. And we could give far more details on that, but that's just an overview. And it breaks your heart to see what happens when the Roman Church is accepted as a genuine church.

In a similar way from 1600 to 1610 the Jesuits were the foremost in the Counter-Reformation in Hungary. And they set about successfully reconverting people from the Christian faith back to Romanism. And the golden age of biblical faith in Hungary was lost in a similar way that it had been lost in Poland and in Ireland. And so it has been in many other nations. We could give many other examples, but that just illustrates the point. And many other nations have been the same. And it has often been the same with a Jesuit or Jesuits leading the field. The Jesuits have been known to be shrewdly intellectual and dramatically Roman Catholic in how they implement Romanism in a country.

And now we have another Jesuit, Pope Francis. He makes no bones about the fact that he was trained as a Jesuit, and he still is very much a Jesuit and acts very much like a Jesuit, and was very much as a Jesuit that he paraded the glory of the Roman Church for all the people to see in the United States of America in September 2015. He made the pomp and the glory of Rome to be seen coast to coast by television and newscasts and over the Internet. And you can still see on the Internet his message to Congress in speaking in St. Patrick's Cathedral and on and on. You can see these messages as they are still there on the Internet. Pope Francis is presenting the Roman Church as if it were a genuine Christian Church, and the world bowing down to it, and people accepting Romanism who did not accept before that it was a genuine church.

I want to read the exact words of what the New York Times said about this visit. It is significant because there are many many other news agencies who have similar statements regarding the Pope's coming to the United States. So I quote from the New York Times:

“Welcome with a fanfare of trumpets and a chorus of amens, Pope Francis introduced himself to the United States on Wednesday with a bracing message on climate change, immigration, and poverty that ranged from pastoral to political. On a day that blended this splendor of an ancient church with the frenzy of a modern rock star, Francis waded quietly but forcefully into some of the more polarizing issues of American civic life.

The lauding of Francis by the New York Times and on other news agencies lauded him and his Church, the ancient Church as the New York Times called it there. But it is the acceptance of Romanism that has taken place in the United States of America.

With Pope Francis, it appeared as if nothing was too lofty or beyond his insight or judgment, and nothing too lowly mortal to reach that he could reach out in his mercy. It was as if unseen hands were secretly orchestrating him. Crowds chanted homage and acclamation to the Roman pontiff. To all appearances, the world was wondering after Pope Francis in great admiration for his power, his policy, and his pomp. Very few people tried to comprehend the truth of who Francis is and of the institution that he directs. Very few even bothered to analyze what he said. And it is for us to show just exactly what he said and what his institution is so that we are not taken in as were people of old, people who accepted Romanism and then paid the consequences in their own personal life, in their families, and in their nations. So we must analyze some of the things that happened, and analyze Romanism itself.

We start, for example, with the Pope at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York. On September 24th, Francis offered prayers for the hundreds of Muslim pilgrims killed during Islam’s Hijah saying,

“I would like to express two sentiments for my Muslim brothers and sisters, my sentiments of closeness in the face of tragedy, tragedy that they suffered in Mecca. In this moment I give assurances of my prayers, and I unite myself with you all. I pray to the Almighty God all merciful.”

But you can see that this is in accord with the official teaching that Francis accepts of his Roman church, where he and his church accept the Muslim faith. Officially it’s in paragraph 841 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**841** *The Church’s relationship with the Muslims.* “The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind’s judge on the last day.” (Source: <http://scborromeo.org/ccc/para/841.htm>)

Pope Francis's acceptance, an expression of unity of faith with Allah of Islam is an abomination before the one holy true God. The Lord God commands us in his Word,

*Exodus 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:*

*Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*

You cannot say you're Christian if, at the same time, you're uniting in prayer with Allah in praying as if it was one God. There is only one true God, God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. There is none other. And for the pope to pray to this other god and unite himself with Muslims is an **abomination** before God! And it is blasphemy. And so it is that we see the wickedness of this Roman system that they see Muslims as one in faith with themselves. They do the same with the Buddhists and the Hindus. It is heartbreaking that anybody could think that this church is Christian when it does that sort of thing.

And now on a par with this, there is the moral evil of Roman Catholic priests, the child abuse that has continued coast to coast in America and in all the nations of the world, the phenomenon of the gross immorality of Roman Catholic priests. This has been seen. It is not just going back to 2002 when the Boston Globe was one of the first newspapers in the world and news agencies to make this problem known. I quote from the Boston Globe in 2002.

"From Canada to Australia South Africa to Hong Kong across Europe and Ireland, and to Pope Paul John II native's Poland, clergy sex abuse cases and enduring cover-ups have proven to be a worldwide problem."

And that problem continues. It doesn't make the same headlines that it used to, but it's still continues and has not abated. And the abuse is not about one nation or one country, it's about an institution. And it's worldwide, this child abuse, lies, and immorality.

And so I'd like to give some recent reports. In the United States, for example, NPR news wrote on their Internet webpage news concerning what was happening in the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

August the 5th 2015. Monday's deadline for filing claims has passed. The bankruptcy case of the Twin Cities archdiocese moved to its next stage. By the deadline, more than 600 claims have been filed including 407 alleged victims of clergy abuse.

And so in the Twin Cities in the United States, 407 clergy case abuses were revealed on June the 15th, 2015, the New York Times reported. The Archbishop of St Paul Minnesota and deputy bishop resigned Monday after prosecutors

recently charged the archdiocese with having failed to protect youths from abuse at the hands of pedophile priests. So pedophile priests on the romp looking for victims as it were in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and this was reported in the New York Times on June 15th.

Now we'll find that it's worldwide. There is an organization that you should know about. You can find it easily on the Internet. It is [SNAP](https://www.snapnetwork.org/), (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests) the organization for those who have survived clergy abuse. It reports worldwide. In the United States abuses are taking place *daily*. and it documents them and gives you records. For example, we have in the quotation that I'm just going to read from the web page <https://www.snapnetwork.org/>:

SNAP makes known a movie detailing massive abuse cover-up in in Boston. The movie documents abuse from offices in Waltham, Massachusetts where there are floor-to-ceiling files of more than a hundred thousand pages of church reports, court documents, media reports, letters from mothers of victims, victims themselves, and even abusers detailing their crimes. The organization SNAP says, "How can you spend your workdays chronicling thousands of cases of Catholic priestly sexual abuse and still remain a Catholic? How can somebody read about these abuses and still remain a Catholic?"

So SNAP that organization asked the question, and it is a very good question because how can anybody look as if this church were genuinely Christian or stay in a church that has this horrendous history? And the history continues day by day, nation by nation, across the world.

It is recognized and accepted by the Catholic Church itself that it is the Roman Catholic law that priests are not allowed to marry. That has been a root cause of all these things, the Roman Catholic law by which they have been forbidden to marry. And so it is that we have forced celibacy dominating, and men who are meant to marry and have children are forbidden to marry. And so the predictable outcome. It drives these men to illicit acts. Priest corrupt women, boys and girls, acts of fornication, adultery and sodomy and on and on it goes.

It is known that this law came about by a certain pope in history. It was the well-known Gregory VII, also known as Hildibrand, his name before he became pope in 1075. He issued a decree effectively barring married priests from ministries, a discipline formalized by the First Lateran Council in 1123. That quotation is actually from a Catholic webpage. It's [uscatholic.org](https://www.uscatholic.org/) who said that it was in 1075, that Pope Gregory issued a decree effectively barring married priests from ministry. And so it is that it's a Catholic law and it has existed for 940 years.

Now it's hinted that Pope Francis who changes a lot of traditions has been known to change a lot of things – he might indeed. Would he change this law? It's very unlikely that he would. But there are financial reasons why he should. Because it not only horrendously disrupts families, leaves scars on

people's minds and consciences of young people who were abused, and horrendously breaks up families across the USA and different parts of the world. Its evil effects on society are still seen day by day. But financially it is also a huge burden on the Roman Catholic Church itself. So I'd like to quote from the Guardian newspaper.

Pope Francis has hailed US bishops for their handling of sexual abuse cases that have rocked the Catholic church for decades saying that they have shown courage throughout and regained the authority and trust which was demanded of them. Between 2004 and 2013, US dioceses paid 1.7 billion dollars in legal settlements.

1.7 billion dollars in legal settlements according to a report released last year by the US Conference of Bishops. And the same period it also paid 379 million in legal fees. So legal fees for cases taken against the Catholic church by the parents and victims and then the legal settlements going into 1.7 billion dollars has cost the Roman Catholic Church a lot. That doesn't in any way match the horrific moral damage that has been done to families across this nation and families across the world.

My own Ireland is an awful example of what was called the Murphy Report. It was horrendous that Ireland was one of the worst nations for the amount of victims that had come from priestly child abuse. It is horrendous. And so it is that Pope Francis may rescind this law for financial reasons, though it is even unlikely that it would do that because they want to have their priests like robots, and they want to have them so that they can command them to do this and to do that. And if a priest were married, he would talk to his wife and have some little freedom or something, but they do not want any independence. They want their priests to be subservient to the Catholic church itself as they are in the present day. So it's very unlikely that they would ever be allowed to marry.

The dogma of the Catholic Church says that they (the sacraments) transmit grace and bring life to a soul. I'd like to quote what Pope Francis said on May the 3rd 2015 regarding the sacraments of the Catholic church. He said,

"Jesus is divine and through Him we are the branches. And through this parable Jesus wants us to understand the importance of remaining united to Him. Grafted by baptism in Christ we are free to receive from him the gift of new life, and we're able to remain in vital communion with Christ. We must remain faithful to **baptism** and grow in friendship with the Lord through prayer, listening and docility (easily taught) to His Word, reading the Gospel, participation in the **sacraments**, especially the Eucharist and reconciliation."

So he focuses on the *sacraments*! Especially the Eucharist. That is the Mass and Communion and "reconciliation" is the modern name for confession, whispering your sins into the ear of a priest. That is not the way we get

life. Life does not come transmitted by material physical sacraments. There's only one mediator, and that's Christ Jesus. And we come to God in Him to confess our sins and not to any church or any supposed ritual that would bring us God's grace.

But this is horrendous, and this is the root cause of why the priests are so immoral. They are the ones *closest* to the Eucharist! They're the ones *closest* to confession. They give confession and they could get a confession. They're the ones closest to all these sacraments, and they're the ones known for their immoral lives more and more, even more than the average Catholics are these priests known for their immorality. And they are so close to the sacraments. They're the ones who dish out and work the sacraments.

It shows you that this is the root cause, that the Catholic Church does not have a Gospel. It turns people to look to rituals for salvation. And that is heartbreaking because we have sincere Catholics really believing that if you go and speak your sins into the ear of a priest and he will give you absolution you will be forgiven. That is not the way that sins are forgiven. It is official Catholic teaching. Let me read their official statement from their catechism.

The Church affirms that for believers the sacraments of the new covenant are **necessary for salvation**. Sacramental grace is the grace of the Holy Spirit given by Christ and proper to each sacrament.

How audacious can you get claiming that your sacraments are necessary for salvation and that they give you the Holy Spirit? It's the *Father* who sends forth the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ the glorious Lord, not any ritualistic sacrament. This is an abomination before God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God. And we are saved as it says in Ephesians chapter 2 verses 8 and 9:

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

The Catholic church has it of works, their own works called sacraments. And they do boast about their sacraments. This is horrendous! And it is something we are really horrified to read these exact words.

The riches of Christ Jesus are known as it says in Ephesians chapter 2 verse 7:

*That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

Jesus Christ shows the riches of His grace by directly giving us forgiveness, giving us everlasting life as we trust upon his finished work and look to God only in Him to forgive our sins. He is the one who through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us day by day, and not any church, and not any religious ritual.

And so we see this teaching. One of the sacraments was highlighted and it was on the Vatican news webpage about the pope giving pre-special powers through the year of Jubilee to forgive the sin of having an abortion. And I'd like to read what this account says. Pope Francis specifically turned his attention to women who resorted to abortion and feared the scar of this agonizing and painful decision saying the forgiveness of God cannot be denied to one who has repented. For this reason, he writes:

I have decided to concede to all priests for the Jubilee year the discretion to absolve the sin of abortion to those who have procured it and who would with contrite heart seek forgiveness for it.

So Pope Francis gives permission to preach to forgive the sin of having had an abortion. And it is horrendous to think that he is a man with a pontifical heart on his head, and he thinks that he has the power to give priests who are below him permission to forgive sins of having an abortion. The official Catholic teaching says:

**1493** One who desires to obtain reconciliation with God and with the Church, must confess to a priest all the unconfessed grave sins he remembers after having carefully examined his conscience. The confession of venial faults, without being necessary in itself, is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church.

That is the official teaching of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1493 of the catechism, but that's not the teaching of Scripture. In Scripture, we're told that we look to God to forgive us our sins. As it says in Isaiah:

*Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*

First John chapter one verse nine:

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

It's God who forgives us our sins! It is no ritual or man calling himself a priest. This is biblical truth, but for Catholics, it's going to a priest. And this permission that he gave to priests to forgive sins is horrendous. And it is a blasphemy against God to presume that any human being sinful himself – and we see that these priests most of all are most sinful of those in the Roman system that they should propose that he could forgive people's sins. We grieve over this and we look to Catholics, and dear Catholics



looking at this program, I ask you to look on to Christ Jesus. As the Lord says in John's Gospel chapter eight verse 36:

*If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.*

Look to Christ Jesus and ask Him to set you free from this horrendous system, and come to a new life as you would trust in Christ and Christ alone.

And so it is that we document the immorality of the priests and the immorality of their teaching because it's immoral to teach people a wrong way of salvation and say that sacramental grace comes through the sacraments. That is morally wrong and evil. And I think that Lord Acton, the quite well-known Acton, said it precisely of what Rome is. He said, "It is the fiend skulking behind the crucifix pretending to be Christian. It's a fiend skulking behind the crucifix."

We have a system claiming to be Christian that is like a fiend or a devil from hell. It is the lesson we learn, the evil that the Scripture speaks about when it talks about the mystery of evil, the mystery of iniquity, is not atheists, prostitutes, drunkards, and the like, but false religion. That's what is at stake. The mystery of iniquity is a false religion teaching people a system that will lead them to hell. And we have seen that Francis' teaching, like a church, is accomplished through physical things. The first lie of Satan in the Garden of Eden was to convince Eve and then Adam that it was right to take of the fruit of good and evil, that they would know good and evil, the forbidden fruit, and they were to look upon a physical thing to give them understanding. They looked upon the fruit and added as if the physical fruit would give them the way to have knowledge and understanding. And of course, we know the consequences of that sin. Thus the Catholic church also looks to physical things and physical rituals as if they could give life.

And so we have the darkness cover the world as Pope Francis parades his teaching nation by nation. It's not just that he came here to the United States, he's been to many other countries, which I just read yesterday on the Internet, that Belfast and Ireland have invited him to come to their city in Northern Ireland, and on and on. Many other countries have invited him, and he has been to the Middle East, he's been to many other countries of the world and he continues to parade Romanism as if it were respectable and to get the adulation of people. But that is what breaks your heart. It was the acceptance of Romanism in the United States of America. The United States, known for many years to be sound biblically, and to see people accept this horrendous system as if it were genuine, it breaks your heart. And when we know historically other nations and peoples who accepted Romanism as genuine, what it did to families, society, and nations as a whole. We must cry out to God and to know how to answer this abomination.

I think it is great that organizations that I've mentioned like SNAP allow you to see what's going on in other countries. And there are other organizations like SNAP. And I would ask you to find out in your nation what organizations are making these horrors known.

(End of Richard Bennett's main message.)